

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Schaukowitch on October 14, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

At the end of claim 1, before the period, the phrase -- , the arm segment being totally received within the supporting plate cutout -- was inserted to better define the instant invention over the prior art of record.

In claim 1 in lines 8, 17, and 26, the phrase "support plate" was changed to "supporting plate" to correct a typographical error.

Claim 2 was canceled because the subject matter was incorporated into claim 1.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or suggest a storage case having the combination of features claimed that includes an arm segment that is housed completely within a cutout in the supporting plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHARON M. PRANGE whose telephone number is (571)270-5280. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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